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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL CRITICAL OF SOVIET/GUYANESE
AND GDR/GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE, ESPECIALLY ON KOREAN
SITUATION

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1. ALTHOUGH GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM RETURNED FROM HIS OFFICIAL VISITS TO THE USSR, KORTH KOREA, THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GDR), AND THE UK ON MAY 8, NO MENTION HAS YET BEEN MADE IN GUYANESE MEDIA OF THE SOVIET/ GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN "PRAVDA" ON APRIL 23, NOR HAVE ANY ATTRIBUTABLE DETAILS APPEARED IN LOCAL MEDIA OF THE GDR/GOG COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCED IN EAST BERLIN. AS LATE AS LAST WEEK, SOME SENIOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND OTHER OFFICIALS ALLEGED THAT THEY HAD NOT YET SEEN THE TEXT OF THE TWO COMMUNIQUEES.

2. IN INFORMAL PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH DCM ON MAY 8, HOW-
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EVER, COUNSELOR OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS LLOYD SEARWAR MADE NO PRETENCE OF NOT BEING COMPLETELY FAMILIAR

WITH TEXTS OF BOTH COMMUNIQUEES. SEARWAR CHARACTERIZED COMMUNIQUEES AS "DISASTERS" FOR GUYANA, VOLUNTEERING THAT THERE WAS NO NEED OR REASON TO ADOPT, FOR THE FIRST TIME, SOVIET POSITION ON KOREAN ISSUE AS WAS CASE IN SOVIET/

GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE. SEARWAR STATED THAT HE HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION, BUT AT FEBRUARY GUYANESE CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE DURING WHICH THE VISIT WAS DISCUSSED HE HAD TAKEN STRONG POSITION THAT ADVANCE PARTY SHOULD BE SENT TO OUTLINE COMMUNIQUE WITH ALL THREE "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES BEFORE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE. HIS OUTSPOKENNESS HAD ANNOYED THE PRIME MINISTER, SEARWAR SAID, WHO HAD ANNOUNCED THAT HE WAS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF DECIDING UPON THE CONTENT OF THE COMMUNIQUE DURING THE TRIP. SEARWAR ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD NO PRIOR COMMITMENT FROM THE SOVIETS THAT HE WOULD ACTUALLY MEET BREZHNEV BEFORE HE LEFT GUYANA AND THAT THE MEETING WAS NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL THE PRIME MINISTER'S LAST DAY IN MOSCOW WHEN HE WAS ASKED TO EXTEND HIS STAY BY ONE DAY SO THAT THE MEETING COULD BE ARRANGED. SEARWAR ALSO NOTED THAT "ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD CONTINUE," THE LOCAL NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY HAD NOT AS YET BECOME AWARE OF THE GUYANESE POLICY CHANGE AS REFLECTED IN THE MOSCOW COMMUNIQUE.

3. EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED TEXT OF GDR/GUYANESE COMMUNIQUE REQUESTED OF THE DEPARTMENT IN GEORGETOWN 1412 SO IS UNAWARE OF WHETHER KOREA MENTIONED IN GDR AS WELL AS IN SOVIET COMMUNIQUE.

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